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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**OWEN COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH BEING FELON IN
POSSESSION OF TWO ASSAULT RIFLES AND ARMOR
PIERCING AMMUNITION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LARRY E. YELEY, 59, Indianapolis, was arrested yesterday on a two-count indictment charging him with possession of a firearm and ammunition by a person previously convicted of a felony. This prosecution follows an investigation by the Indiana State Police, the Owen County Sheriff and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

On January 30, 2004, pursuant to a federal search warrant, law enforcement officers entered the residence of LARRY E. YELEY in Worthington, Owen County, Indiana. They

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recovered nine firearms that YELEY allegedly possessed, including two Norinco, SKS, semi-automatic rifles. Law enforcement officers also recovered more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition purportedly possessed by YELEY, including two boxes of armor-piercing ammunition. The indictment further alleges that YELEY was previously convicted of interfering with a police officer, a felony, in 1971 in Shelby County, Indiana.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who is prosecuting the case for the government, YELEY faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 on each charge. An initial hearing on the indictment was held today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Terre Haute. A hearing on detention will be scheduled for next week.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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